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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: FIFTH COMMITTEE BEGINS FIRST READINGS ON
BUDGET SECTIONS 6-10 (REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS)

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1. SUMMARY: AT 1718TH MEETING OCT 21, APPROPRIATION FOR
SECTION 9 (ECA) WAS APPROVED BY VOTE OF 75-0-9 (US) IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$18,197,600. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY US,
UGANDA, AND BELGIUM. LAVAU (BUDGET DIRECTOR)
RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS. ON SECTION 6 (ECE), STATEMENTS
WERE MADE BY REPS OF BULGARIA, KENYA, UPPER VOLTA, UKRAINIAN
SSR, AND ALGERIA. AFTER BUDGET DIRECTOR RESPONDED TO
QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE APPROVED \$13,171,600 UNDER SECTION 6
FOR BIENNIUM 1976/1977 AT FIRST READING BY VOTE OF 88-0-2
(ABSTENTIONS - UAE AND ALBANIA). ON SECTION 7, STATEMENTS
WERE MADE BY REPS OF US, ALGERIA, AFGHANISTAN,
PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA, UK, UPPER VOLTA, AND JAPAN. DIS-
CUSSION SUSPENDED UNTIL MEETING OCT 22, A.M.; AGENDA WILL
BE SAME AS TODAY'S WITH EXCEPTION OF COMPLETED SECTIONS
6 AND 9, BUT WITH ADDITION OF 5A (ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
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AFFAIRS). END SUMMARY

2. SECTION 9 (ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA) - BACHE (US) DELIVERED STATEMENT PER DEPT'S A-6487. LAVAU (SECT) SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO POSSIBILITY OF HIRING GUARDS AND LABORERS ON A CONTRACT BASIS AS SUGGESTED BY US. UGANDA AND BELGIUM REPS MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS AND USSR REP, EXPLAINING HIS REASONS FOR ABSTAINING, SUGGESTED THAT ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES SHOULD BE ABSORBED BY RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND BETTER UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES. APPROPRIATION OF \$18,197,600 WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 74-0-9 (US, SOVIET BLOC).

3. SECTION 6 (ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE)) FINLAND REP, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF TASKS ASSIGNED TO ECE BY RECENT CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY, DEPLORED CUTS PROPOSED BY ACABQ. REPS OF POLAND AND BULGARIA SUPPORTED SYG ESTIMATES, WHILE BELGIUM, IRAN, FRANCE, USSR, KENYA UPPER VOLTA AND UKRAINIAN SSR SUPPORTED THOSE OF ACABQ. BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM POLAND, UPPER VOLTA AND FRANCE, SAYING SYG WOULD DO HIS BEST WITH AVAILABLE MEANS IF ACABQ REDUCTIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED, THAT EXTRA-BUDGETARY POSTS ARE SUPPLIED BY FAO, AND THAT ECE WILL PARTICIPATE IN HABITAT CONFERENCE WITH FUNDS ALREADY ALLOTTED WITHOUT RESORTING TO REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL FUNDS. ALGERIA SAID ECE SET A RECORD IN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WITH ABOUT 740 CONFERENCE DAYS AT COST OF \$15 MILLION, AND ASKED COST OF ONE CONFERENCE HOUR. COMMITTEE APPROVED \$13,171,600 UNDER SECTION 6 FOR BIENNIUM 1976/1977 AT FIRST READING BY VOTE OF 88-0-2 (ABSTENTIONS - UAE AND ALBANIA).

4. SECTION 7- ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC (ESCAP) - US REP (BACHE) MADE STATEMENT PER DEPT'S A-6468 AND SAID HIS DEL WILL ABSTAIN N VOTE. ALGERIA AND AFGHANISTAN DID NOT SUPPORT ACABQ REDUCTIONS; PHILIPPINES AND AUSTRALIA EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS ABOUT ACABQ REDUCTIONS, BUT DID NOT FORMALLY SAY THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT THEM; AND UK, UPPER VOLTA AND JAPAN SUPPORTED ACABQ REDUCTIONS. DISCUSSION WAS SUSPENDED UNTIL NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, OCT 22, MORNING.

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5. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING WILL BE SAME AS TODAY'S WITH EXCEPTION OF ITEMS COMPLETED PLUS SECTION 5A(ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES).
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